

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Mr. Mike Linder Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality 1200 N Street, The Atrium, Suite 400 Lincoln, NE 68509-8922

Dear Mr. Linder:

Re: Approval of the Pawnee Reservoir TMDL (§303(d) Clean Water Act)

Thank you for the submission dated January 18, 2001 with subsequent submission received via e-mail February 28, 2001, requesting approval of the Pawnee Reservoir total maximum daily load (TMDL) under §303(d) of the Clean Water Act. We have completed our review of this TMDL for Sediment as submitted by your office and in accordance with §303(d) of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et. seq.), we approve all aspects of this TMDL.

Enclosed is EPA Region 7 Review Form which summarizes the rationale for EPA's approval of this TMDL. EPA believes the separate elements of this TMDL described in the enclosed form adequately address the pollutants of concern, taking into consideration seasonal variation and a margin of safety.

Again, EPA appreciates the thoughtful teamwork and partnering effort that Nebraska has put forth in the development of this TMDL and will continue to cooperate with and assist, as appropriate, in future efforts by Nebraska to develop the remaining TMDLs on the current Nebraska §303(d) list of impaired water bodies.

Sincerely,

U. Gale Hutton

Director

Water, Wetlands, and Pesticides Division

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. David Jensen

